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SUBJECT: SLOVAK JUSTICE MINISTER'S NOV. 7 MEETING WITH AG
GONZALES

1. Slovak Minister of Justice Daniel Lipsic is scheduled to meet with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales at 14:00 on November 7 in Washington. Poloffs met on 10/26 with MOJ's Head of the International and European Law Department Peter Banas and Jana Vnukova, Head of the Division of Coordination of EU Affairs, to discuss Minister Lipsic's objectives for the meeting. Lipsic plans to provide AG Gonzales with an overview of recent judicial reforms in Slovakia including anti-corruption measures and a recent amendment to the law against trafficking in persons. He will also highlight GOS initiatives to address terrorism and organized crime. The GOS has been supportive on terrorist financing issues and AG Gonzales may want to encourage Lipsic to push for stronger EU enforcement efforts. Poloffs suggested to Banas and Vnukova that a discussion of the impact of EU regulations on law enforcement in Slovakia may be of interest to the Attorney General.

2. The meeting is an opportunity to celebrate the successful completion of negotiations on the implementing instruments for the US-EU Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance agreements. Officials from DOJ and State met with their GOS counterparts in Bratislava October 17-18 to finalize the texts. Lipsic plans to submit the agreements to cabinet for approval in early December with hopes of a mid-December signing in Bratislava. Parliament would later ratify the treaties.

3. Minister Lipsic's delegation will include:
- Mr. Radoslav Prochazka, Slovak Representative before the European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance in Luxembourg, Ministry of Justice
- Mr. Martin Lauko, Senior Prosecutor of the General Prosecutor's Office, and Chairman of the Council of the Judicial Academy.
- Ms. Vilma Privarova, delegate of the Slovak Republic responsible for foreign Slovaks
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